

# MOTORIST DIES IN TANKER CRASH

## Gas Line Sliced Here By Loader

The slip of a skip loader caused a three hour alert here Tuesday afternoon when the heavy machine sliced through a 10-inch Southern California Gas Co. line on Crenshaw Blvd.

Police, fire and gas company units raced to the scene, closed the street between Torrance Blvd. and Eldorado St. to traffic and stood by. The smell of gas was heavy in various parts of the city as escaping vapors shifted with the breezes.

The huge piece of construction equipment, which was being used to help widen Crenshaw, cut the line around 3 p.m. Two fire units rushed to the scene to stand by in case of fire. At about 6:20 p.m. fire officials said, the last of their units returned to the station.

## Skillsaws Stolen

Theft of more than \$1000 in skillsaws and extension cords from its Palos Verdes construction shed at 2130 Whitley Ave. was reported to sheriff's deputies this week by the Wain Construction Co. of Beverly Hills.

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## CITY SET FOR TWO-DAY CIVIC CENTER PROGRAM

### Parade to Open Dedication Fete

One of the most ambitious community-wide celebrations in the history of Torrance will get under way here Saturday morning when a 200-unit parade starts off for the city's new civic center at Torrance Blvd. and Maple Ave. as the first item in a two-day dedication program.

Following closely on the heels of the huge parade will be appearances by outstanding state and local officials including Lt. Gov. Harold J. Powers who will make the principal dedication address.

Other phases of the celebration will include presentation of a marble war memorial by the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a band concert by the Torrance Area Youth Band, an aquasade in the city's new Olympic sized plunge, and a free community dance at poolside Saturday night.

#### Biscuit in Parade

A complete program of the week end activities and of Saturday's dedication schedule is printed in the HERALD today on page 21.

The parade, which has been organized by Police Lt. D. C. Cook, will feature a prologue of official cars including that of Sheriff Eugene W. Biscailuz, parade marshal. Also scheduled for this section of the parade is a unit of 20 ancient automobiles entered by the Long Beach Model "A" Club.

Three other divisions of the parade will include scores of mounted units, a number of floats entered by local groups and organizations, and marching units.

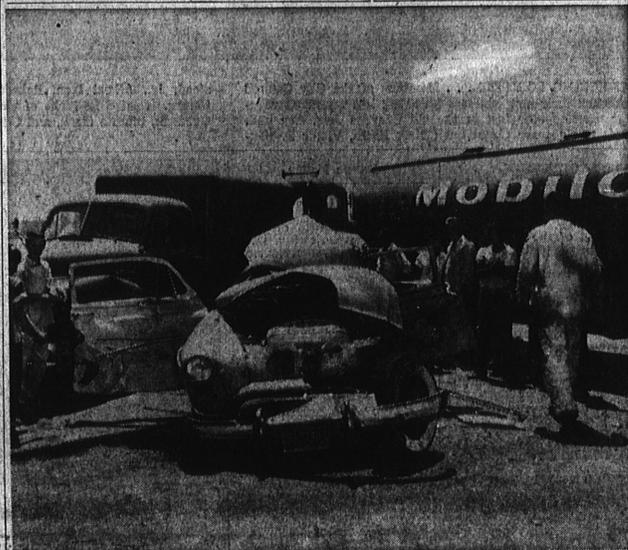
The fourth division will be composed of members of Torrance's 132nd Bridge Co., California National Guard. Tanks, marching units, and other military displays will be displayed in the final parade division.

#### NIKE on Display

Included among the entries in the military section of the parade will be a trailer-mounted NIKE guided missile entered by the 47th AAA Bn., which will man the NIKE installation on the Torrance Municipal Airport beginning next October.

Capt. Douglas Horlander, commanding the Torrance National Guard Co., said yesterday that he had obtained special permission from Division headquarters to enter the parade, and that trucks and buses would be waiting at the civic center site to take the

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FATAL CRASH SCENE... The auto and truck involved in a collision here Tuesday afternoon which took the life of a 23-year-old Torrance man are shown here in this photo by HERALD Photographer Milt Svensk. Driver of the auto was dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital. The truck driver was not injured.

## Torrance Share Of Road Bond Tops Million

This city's share of the proposed \$150,000,000 bond issue for street and highway improvements throughout the county has been set at \$1,669,397, according to the County Road Department.

The Citizens Committee for Better Roads recently adopted a motion recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the bond issue be placed on the November ballot.

#### Federal Funds Sought

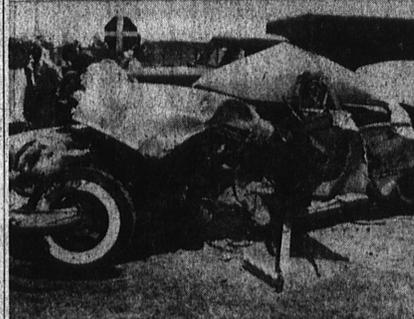
Passage of the \$150,000,000 bond issue by voters could result in receiving an additional \$100,000,000 in matching funds from the federal government, Leon J. Garrie, committee chairman, said.

The mechanics of the road-building and improvement program would be similar to that of the 1952 bond issue of \$170,000,000 for storm drains.

#### Streets Named

The following Torrance streets have been submitted to the Road Department as the priority improvement roads in this area.

- Arlington Ave., from Redondo Beach Blvd. to Eldorado St.
- Crenshaw Blvd., from 170th to 174th.
- Prairie Ave., from Redondo Beach Blvd. to 190th.
- 182nd St., from Western to Hawthorne Blvd.
- 190th St., from Western to Hawthorne.
- Del Amo Blvd., from Western to Crenshaw.
- Western Ave., from 190th to Torrance Blvd.
- Torrance Blvd., from Madrona Ave. to Henrietta St.
- Eshelman Ave., from the southerly line of tract 14016 to the southerly line of the City of Torrance.
- Lomita Blvd., from Crenshaw to Hawthorne.
- Calle Mayor, from Pacific Coast Highway to Anza Ave.
- Anza Ave., from Torrance Blvd. to Del Amo Blvd.
- Sepulveda Blvd., from Western to the western city limits of Torrance.



DEATH CAR... Twenty-three-year-old Lief Rosenberg was dead on arrival at the hospital after being taken from this auto at 190th St. near Prairie Ave., Tuesday afternoon. Total destruction of his auto is shown here in this HERALD photo.

## City Adopts Pool Schedules, Prices

Regulations covering charges for use of the new municipal plunge were adopted this week by the City Council to pave the way for opening the pool when facilities are ready. Recreation Director Harry Van Belleh hopes to announce opening date this week end.

Standard admission charges will be 50 cents for adults, 25 cents for persons 13 to 18, and 20 cents for children up to 12 and for service men. Family night rates will be \$1 per family.

Additional schedules for lessons, private parties, and students also were set up in the resolution adopted by the Council.

**Private Groups**  
Private groups will be able to use the pool Saturday evening and Sunday morning for three hour periods. Prices will range from \$40 for groups up to 100 persons to \$120 for groups larger than 300.

Free use of the pool will be granted under terms of the resolution for handicapped swimming groups, water ballet classes, recreation department water polo team program, and

## Car Demolished By Huge Tanker

A huge General Petroleum truck tanker, a passenger car and a third vehicle smashed together at the 190th St. truck entrance to GP's refinery here at about 1:20 p.m., Tuesday, snuffing out the life of the car's driver, Lief Allen Rosenberg, 23, of 20431 New Hampshire Ave.

The victim was pronounced dead on arrival at Harbor General Hospital following the crash. Witnesses said his car was completely demolished as the tanker and car met virtually head-on. The third vehicle, a General Petroleum pick-up truck, also was involved in the crash.

Raymond M. Meyers, 52, of 2101 Daisy Ave., Long Beach, driver of the tanker, was uninjured. Carl W. Schilling, 42, of 6602 Gundry, Long Beach, was driver of the pick-up. Neither was cited.

Schilling was injured slightly, according to police reports of the accident.

The tanker was going east on 190th, the car west on the same street at the time of the wreck, while the pick-up reportedly was attempting to turn onto 190th from the refinery, authorities said. The truck apparently was attempting a left turn.

On Monday a car-motorcycle collision near the same spot injured Claude Taylor, 19, of Keyes, Calif., who was driving the cycle. Police said the motorcycle and a vehicle driven by Richard T. Baumann, 37, of 1728 Esplanade, collided on 190th St.

Taylor was taken to a local physician for treatment.

The victim is survived by his widow, Donna, and a year old daughter, Jenny, 1. A spokesman for the family said Mrs. Rosenberg was expecting another child. He also is survived by his parents, Mrs. June Barbosa and Lief A. Rosenberg, both of Lawndale, and a brother, Jerry, of the Navy.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. at Niland's Mortuary in Redondo. Interment will be in Pacific Crest Cemetery.

## Beasley Named To Investigator Job With City

Appointment of J. A. Beasley, member of the city's planning commission, to a newly created position of land use investigator was confirmed by a majority of the Council here Tuesday over the objections of Willys G. Blount, who termed the appointment as "payment of a political deal contracted prior to the last election."

Blount's objection to the appointment was based on the fact that Beasley was being named to the important city post without passing a Civil Service examination, a basic requirement for employment in the city's classified system.

Councilman Victor Benstead, former member of the Civil Service Commission and an outspoken critic in the past on all cases of appointment without examination, voted to confirm Beasley without comment.

City Manager Stevens said it would take six weeks to two months to create an eligible list for the new post. Prime responsibility for the new officer will be to enforce compliance with the city's land use ordinance, with particular emphasis on oil field violations.

The need for such a position was pointed out to the Council recently by Planning Director George Powell who has been acting as land use investigator in addition to his planning duties.

## School Board Looks Over Land Parcels

Condemnation proceedings against a number of parcels of land in the Torrance Unified School District may be upcoming shortly following release of a tentative site acquisition list for future elementary schools in the area.

The Board of Education spent some time with property owners Tuesday night at its regular meeting discussing the need of the action to obtain school ground. Board members said the next few months will be a crucial period in the history of the district, since school administrators will attempt to negotiate sites which are rapidly becoming scarce.

**South Torrance**—West of Madison St., north of 230th St. (Alternate site, 12 acres).

**Seaside**—That area adjoining the northeast corner of the South High School, extending east about 500 feet to the west side of the proposed prolongation on Anza Ave., bounded northerly by Calle Mayor prolongation, 15 acres.

In addition, the board tabbed additional land for expansion of the existing school site at Howard Wood School. That land includes lots 58 and 63, West of Arlington Ave., between 237th and 238th Sts.

Action on the land acquisition is expected at the Aug. 21 meeting of the board.

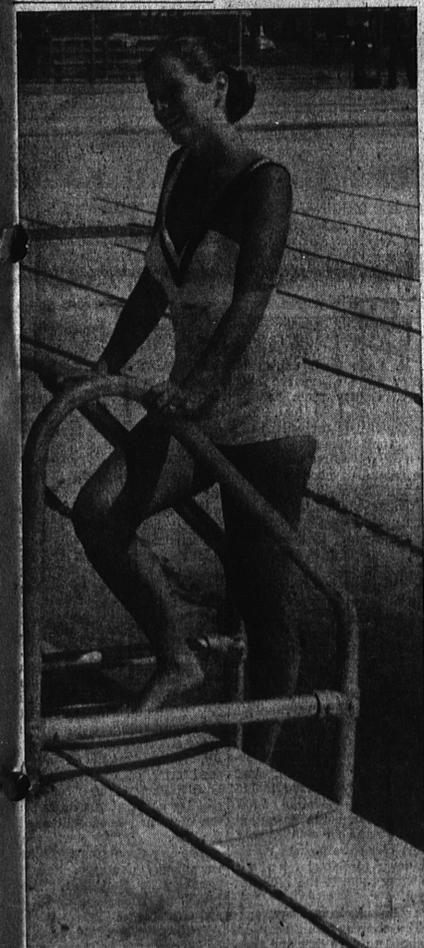
In other business, Clinton B. Cooke was officially sworn in as a new member of the group. He was appointed to the board to replace Dr. Joe Bay, who recently moved out of the city.

Resignation of John T. Shea, vice principal at Torrance High School, was also revealed at the meeting. Shea had been a local educator for some time.

The problem over awarding ice cream and milk bids for the coming school year was finally solved. The board granted the milk bid to Mayfair Creamery, while Carnation Creamery got the ice cream contract, but only after a long hassle with other bidders and an actual "blindfold" test of various products by school officials.

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TAKES EARLY DIP... Lovely Gaye Wilson, recent winner of the "Miss Torrance" title, was among the first to get her feet wet in the new municipal plunge at Torrance Blvd. and Madrona Ave. this week. The pool will be dedicated with other civic center buildings Saturday afternoon.

## Runaway Car Again Here

Another runaway car was reported here at 6:30 p.m. Monday when police answered a call to the Kenneth Moe residence at 22529 Warmside Ave. and found an auto on the Moe's lawn.

The car, registered to Glenn Morrison, of 22432 Warmside, apparently rolled down a steep hill to hit another vehicle, registered to Myron Longwell, of 2510, and then came to a stop on the Moe's lawn. Police were investigating the runaway auto.

Last week, two cars either flipped their brakes or were sent rolling by vandals down Reynolds Dr. and Ellinwood Dr. A sleeping woman, Mrs. Marie Rathburn, was injured when one of the cars smashed into her 4819 Reynolds Dr. home.

## Aid Franklin Campaign Drive

Charles A. Franklin's campaign for Congress in the 17th District is receiving added impetus during the next six weeks with a series of group meetings held in 20 communities with businessmen, labor leaders, industrial leaders, and professional organizations.

At each meeting, according to Verling Vans, campaign manager for Franklin, the candidate has stated his position, received suggestions for his campaign technique, and answered direct questions. Invariably, according to Vans, the meetings have resulted in the organization of local campaign groups and endorsements.

## Industries Buy Tickets to Feed Local Guardsmen

Four Torrance industries—General Petroleum Corp., National Supply Co., Harvey Aluminum, and Logren Aircraft—have purchased \$180 worth of barbecue tickets for members of the Torrance National Guard unit Saturday at the civic center dedication. It was announced yesterday by Tom Ward, president of the Civic Club.

The three industries made the tickets available to the Guardsmen so they could have a barbecued lunch before leaving the new civic center site for their two-week training program at Camp Roberts.

